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## Arrivals.

Dec. 18, AUDAX, Amer. br., 271, Conner  
Keeling Dec. 15th, Cedula.—RUSSELL &  
Co.  
Dec. 19, ELLEN BROWNE, British bark, 346,  
Kunming, Shanghai 13th December,  
Rice.—ORDER.  
Dec. 19, EMMA AUGUSTA, Amer. br., 234,  
Gulfian, Foochow December 8th, Poles,  
—CARGO.  
Dec. 19, ALBERT, North German bark, 254,  
Ackenhausen, Chaco 10th Dec., General  
—ORDER.  
Dec. 19, MARIA, North German bark, 231,  
Hage, Chinkiang 8th December, and  
Wooing 13th, Rice.—ORDER.  
Dec. 19, LOCHINAW, Brit. br., 277, Urquhart,  
Salon 19th November, Rice.—GAUN &  
Co.  
Dec. 20, SUNSHINE, Brit. str., 281, Taylor,  
Mauls 15th December, General.—D.  
LAFLAK & Co.

## Departures.

Dec. 18, BURMA, for Yokohama.  
Dec. 19, AVOCET, str., for Yokohama.  
Dec. 19, ADEN, str., for Shanghai.  
Dec. 19, AMURAL OIBER, for Bangkok.  
Dec. 19, DUC DE MAAKOFF, for Bangkok.  
Dec. 19, LORCHEL, for Singapore.  
Dec. 19, NORNA, str., for Canton.  
Dec. 19, PEIRO, str., for Canton.  
Dec. 19, PEPIPA, for Manila.  
Dec. 19, JAMES PATON, for Bangkok.  
Dec. 19, CHARLES PALMER, for Swatow.

## Clearances.

AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE,  
18TH DECEMBER.  
Peppa, for Manila.  
Totti, for Whampoa.  
Yosemite, for San Francisco.

## Passenger.

For Sutherland, sir, from Manila,  
Miss Sparrow, Mrs. Pearson, Smith and  
Hirschfeld, Capt. Simonson and 125 Chinese.  
Per Emma Augusta, from Foochow.—  
4 Chinese.

## Reports.

The British bark *Lorchele* reports left Saigon on November 19th, and experienced very heavy  
weather from the N.W. and east, especially from the Linzon Coast till arrival passed  
a bark, supposed to be the *Lizzie and Rose*, on  
the 15th, off Linzon.

The British steamer *Saxonia* reports left  
Manila on December 15th, and experienced very  
strong N.E. monsoon and high sea till arrival.

The American bark *Audax* reports left Keeling on December 15th, and experienced strong  
N.E. monsoon till arrival. Vessel at Keeling were  
British brig *Annie Marie*, bound to Shanghai, and  
North German bark *Juno*.

The British steamer *Norma* reports left China-  
khan on 11th Dec., and experienced first part  
of passage strong N.W. and high sea, and  
left at 6 p.m.; after which had moderate  
monsoon till arrival.

The British steamer *Kinsheng* reports left Foochow on 15th December, Amoy on the  
16th, and experienced first part of  
passage with English bark to  
Swatow, and latter part strong monsoon  
and high swell. H.M.S. *Dwarf* arrived in Foochow on December 15th, from Formosa; in Amoy the steamer *Abby*; the steamer *Rambay* arrived on 17th December; passed the steamer *Douglas* of Dumburg; the steamship *Utock* was in Swatow.

The American bark *Emma Augusta* reports left Foochow December 8th, had strong N.E. wind, laid two days under the White Drift for shelter, then got under way. On the 13th at 3 a.m. in thick weather the vessel struck on the W. side of Formosa, between Tamsi and Nan Tam Creek; laid bound there for six hours, threw part of the deckload overboard, and at flood tide backed the vessel off and lost her rudder. On the 15th the French steamer *Godey* arrived in Foochow, rendered all the assistance she could in endeavouring to tow, but the vessel being without rudder and unable to steer, had to give it up. Bagged a big rudder and proceeded on.

**Vessel Expected at Hongkong.**  
(Corrected to Date)

Yester. Name Date  
Sea Bullion... London... June 7  
Dorset... Shields... June 11  
Croner... Cardiff... June 29  
Aline... Hamburg... July 2  
Ganton... Hamburg... July 4  
Motor... Newport... July 30  
Sordis... Penarth... Aug. 1  
Therese... Hamburg... Aug. 2  
Lochiel... Aberdeen... Aug. 4  
Isle of South... Liverpool... Aug. 11  
Walgrave... London... Sept. 1  
S.K. de Merdien... Rotterdam... Sept. 1  
Mathilda Athel... Cardiff... Sept. 6  
Northfleet... London... Sept. 6  
B.C. Hickens... Cardiff... Sept. 14  
Danube (6)... London... Sept. 15  
Discours... Hamburg... Sept. 17  
Casan... London... Sept. 21  
Petermann... London... Sept. 26  
Ley... Liverpool... Sept. 27  
John... Liverpool... Sept. 28  
Hydro... Swansea... Sept. 29  
Uruguay... Hartlepool... Sept. 30  
Ornate... Rio Janeiro Oct. 5  
Caroline Coventry... London... Oct. 7  
Gem... Cardiff... Oct. 12  
Johanna Marie... London... Oct. 13  
Popis... Swansea... Oct. 17  
Graf... Liverpool... Oct. 21  
Neator (4)... Liverpool... Nov. 1  
India... Cardiff... Nov. 1

1st 2016 Hongkong, 20th November, 1871.

**HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1870.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company  
are requested to furnish the undersigned  
with a copy of their contribution to the  
sum of \$100,000, in order that the  
distribution of 20% of the net profits reserved  
for Contributors may be arranged. Returns  
not rendered prior to the 31st October next,  
will be adjusted by the Company, and no claim  
or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

**JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.,**  
General Managers.

Japanese Wards, &c.

**MARQUES & CO.**  
Sundries Articles.

**AYRES & CO.** at 8.30 P.M.

Sundries Articles.

**POLICE NOTICE.**

THE Captain in Superintendent of Police would  
be much obliged by the Commandant General  
to furnish a list of the 15th December, 1871, entitled  
to arrest a Chinaman near the City Hall, for  
warning his name and address to this Department.

Police Department.  
18th December, 1871.

12173 FOR SALE.

100 Cases, each 1 dozen Quarts, Fine Dry  
Claret.

55 Cases, each 1 dozen Quarts, Fine Pale Dry  
Sherry.

V. D. COLLINS.

No. 7, Arbalnot Road,

Hongkong, 28th November, 1871. [t 2042 3m 2007]

## Banks.

**HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**  
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL \$1,000,000 of Dollars.

Court of Directors:

Chairman—Hon. R. HOWERTH.  
Deputy Chairman—T. P. KEW.  
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HONGKONG.

Interest Allowed.

On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1  
per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months 2 per cent. per annum.

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The Chronicle and Directory for 1872.  
THE Publisher requests that those persons who have not yet returned the printed form which have been sent to them to fill up, will be good enough to do so without delay. Any persons who have recently arrived, and to whom printed forms have not been sent, are respectfully requested to forward their names and addresses as early as possible for insertion.

Daily Press Office, Dec. 1st, 1871.

The Chronicle and Directory for 1872.

[THIS Work, now in the TENTH year of its existence, will be published as early as practicable after the close of the current year:

It will be compiled and printed at the Daily Press Office, and from the best and most authentic sources, and no pains will be spared to make the work complete in all respects.

In addition to the usual varied and voluminous information, the value of the "CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY FOR 1872," will be further augmented by the addition of a Chromo-lithograph plate of the NEW CODE OF SIGNALS IN USE.

AT THE PEAK;

THE VARIOUS HOUSE FLAGS  
(Designed expressly for this Work);—  
MAPS OF HONGKONG, JAPAN,  
and of the

THE COAST OF CHINA;  
besides other local information and statistics corrected to date of publication, tending to make this work in every way valuable to Public, Mercantile, and General Offices.

The Directory will be published in Two Forms, Complete at \$5; or with the Lists of Residents, Port Directories, Maps, &c., at \$3.

Orders for Copies may be sent to the Daily Press Office, or to the following Agents—

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WITTON, NICHOLAS & CO.  
London....."....."

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Shanghai....."....."

Hankow and L...."....."

River Ports....."....."

Chefoo....."....."

Kewu and Kelly....."....."

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Peking....."....."

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BIRTH.

On the 19th instant, at Hongkong, the wife of Mr. WILBERFORCE WILSON, O.B.E. (1819 son).

The delivery of the Daily Press from this office commenced on Tuesday morning at 9:30, and the last messenger left the office at 8:00.

## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 20TH, 1871.

SOME pertinent remarks are made by Mr. MACRAESEN, Commissioner of Customs at Hankow, upon the system of purchasing tea through special Agents sent out from home, which has of late come into vogue. This practice was inaugurated some three years ago, under an impression that the resident Commission Agents showed themselves too sanguine in the manner in which they carried out the orders confided to them, or to speak plainly, an idea which they would manifest. Having in this way attracted to themselves the attention of the commercial world, the Special Agents proceeded from words to deeds. The time arrived, and the Special Agents bought, and when at last they did so, they made good their promise to show the benighted resident merchant a new way of purchasing tea. The plan adopted was indeed new; but its chief novelty consisted in calling bad tea by good names. There is a story of the author of a novel who, upon his publisher telling him that he had not been aristocratic enough to meet the public taste, promoted all his characters one degree; his Earls becoming Marquises, and his Marquises Dukes. In like manner it would seem that the Teas at Hankow were promoted, the fine becoming finest, and the choice choicest; but curiously enough the buyers at home did not see so very much in a name, and the result of the special Agents' operations proved to be that very good teas made very heavy losses. "It appears to be admitted," Mr. Macraeisen says, with a dash of Scottish dryness, "that had the estimate of its quality formed by foreign buyers in China been found to be correct, the prices they accorded were not too high to render possible remunerative sales, and importers, were they not convinced of the inferiority of their consignments, would not have displayed so much eagerness to transfer them." This is an eminently polite and official way of saying that the Special Agents were egregiously taken in; and without going farther than enunciating a general proposition to which most people will accord a ready assent, Mr. Macraeisen contrives to make his meaning sufficiently clear. He points out that a resident commission merchant is more likely to yield to his better judgment, and to abstain from unwise transactions than the Agent who has travelled many thousand miles, and who is reluctant to return with the awful of having completely failed in his task though in reality his failure would be less complete if he had not burdened himself with a single chest. We cannot but think that these plain common sense remarks sum up the whole question with regard to the special Agent system, at all events as it has hitherto been conducted; and the argument is likely to have the most force from the fact that it is only an *a fortiori* of the very argument which was advanced by the Chinese Merchants themselves with regard to the action of resident Commission Agents. The facts prove that qualities were looked for generally in

the Commission merchants in China, which the frailties of human nature render unfortunately somewhat rare. It is very difficult for the coldest blooded men of business to preserve a perfect ascendancy, when the excitement of a new Tea or Silk season has commenced, and when they have the consciousness that should the purchases which are being made turn out profitable, their principals will blame them for not having operated. Anxieties not to allow opportunity to slip, must of necessity induce a tendency at times to buy unfavourably, and the results of the attempts made by the home merchants in sending out Special Agents, proves that this tendency is not confined to commission merchants in China. Another point is also worthy of consideration in connection with this subject, and to which attention is directed in the *Oversland Trade Report*. The establishment of the Telegraph has made it possible for the home merchants to modify their instructions whenever they see fit; but this has not been accompanied with any noticeable improvement in the manner of purchasing tea—a fact which is conclusive proof that whatever grounds of complaint exist in this direction, they do not result entirely from want of judgment on the part of buyers in China. A certain amount of discretion must be left to agents; and due allowance must be made for the difficulties which they have to encounter in carrying out their orders, in a sensitive market and with a large number of competitors. The wisest discretion has possibly not always been exercised; but upon the whole, there would appear grounds for believing that the commission merchants in China have done as well as could be expected when their difficult position here, and the nature of their instructions from home, are taken into due consideration. The trade has been unfortunate, and the fashion has been to credit the buyers in China with the whole of this. The facts, however, show that there are other causes at work than hastiness, imprudence or anything like want of conscientiousness on the part of local commission merchants, and that if the evils complained of in the Tea Trade can be remedied at all, the remedy must be found in some other direction than that of substituting for local buyers special Agents, who prove themselves less experienced but not less speculative.

A telegram will be ready for delivery to subscribers at noon.

The Band of the 10th Regiment will perform in the Public Gardens this afternoon. The following is the programme:—

March.....Jupiter.....Bassoon.  
Selection.....Normal.....Bellini.  
Walz.....Perfumed Charms.....Clarke.  
Song.....Jenny Lind's Fatherland Urif.  
Lanner.....Quadrille Echoes of London.....Cooke.  
Galop.....Tandem.....Clarke.

We have received a copy of the Chinese and English Vocabulary in the Pekin Dialect, which has just been published by Mr. Geo. Carter, agent of the Imperial Maritime Customs Service, and have much pleasure in congratulating him upon having produced a work which is likely to prove of the greatest value to students of Chinese, by supplying the want which is constantly felt of some means of finding combinations of characters, heard in conversation, from the sound. The work will be noticed at length as an early date.

Two sermons by the Rev. Dr. Legge, entitled "The House of many Mansions" have been published, and are on sale at Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co. It would be presumptuous to venture upon a formal criticism, but we trust may be permitted to say that they are the happiest style of all, and most capable and pleasant. All are suggestive of reverence, and are touching and impressive at a time when our thoughts naturally turn homewards, and another year is drawing to a close.

The Japan Mail of the 9th instant notes that the Chosha papers have been misled by the statements in a portion of the Yokohama Press, to the effect that the Japanese Government have withdrawn its prohibition on the export of native rice. The Japan Herald, which is the most reliable newspaper in the country, gives the following explanation in its issue of the 8th inst.—

"As regards the right of exporting native rice, it can hardly be said to have been accomplished yet, as the authorities will only permit it on foreign paying export duty. To this foreign minister, audience, and questions respecting it are likely to arise, as according to the Treaties comes in due time."

LATE TELEGRAM.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

SUPPLIED TO THE DAILY PRESS."

LONDON, December 18th, 1871.

The Prince of Wales is progressing towards convalescence.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

December 19th.

BEFORE C. MAX, Esq.

CHINESE FIRE.

Louis Hindman, captain of the *Sea Bird*, refused on Monday night to pay his share, £10, to each, but offered to pay one shilling and two cents, per cent, piece, which the coolie refused to take, and called a comatable, who came and alleged that the defendant struck him and uttered an imprecation. Had no money to pay, 1d. his 10 shillings. Had no money to pay, 1d. his 10 shillings.

Jacob Strike, a seaman, unemployed, was charged with being drunk, smashing up a chair, and jumping into the sea. Fined 2d, and to pay 10 cents, per cent, piece, which the coolie refused to take, and called a comatable, who came and alleged that the defendant struck him and uttered an imprecation. Had no money to pay, 1d. his 10 shillings.

W. H. Barlett, second mate of the American ship *Savannah*, owned by John Sullivan, seaman and master's mate, for unlawfully remaining at sea, and leaving the complaint. Defendant it is understood had been sent to the Consul-Station by the United States Consul, and was drunk. Remained in the station some time, was constable took him off to his ship. The defendant went up the ladder first, and on getting on board flew at the second-mate, struck him on the mouth, and knocked some of his teeth out. The constable corroborated the statement, and defendant was sent to one month's hard labor.

ASSAULT.

Robert Kao, a colored man, was fined 10s, or 7 days' imprisonment, for striking John Williams, and her colored man, and calling him by an abusive name, because complainant asked him for 10 cents to ride a boat.

The occupant of No. 3, Mercer-street, was fined 5s, for unlawfully weighing and packing in the public street, thereby causing an obstruction.

CUTTING AND WOUNDING.

Madam Mo o, a private, in 14, M. 13th Regt., was charged by George Orley, Inspector of Police, with cutting and wounding one of her slaves, and laying on the necks, at about 12 m.p.m., the 13th instant, at Quon's & Co. The wounded man was conveyed to Hospital, where he remains under treatment. The Inspector produced a certificate of his inability to appear, and the case was remanded until Saturday, the 23rd instant.

HOSPITAL BAPTISMAL WATER.—The Bo-

at the Churchgate) Thackeray gives an account of the baptism of a child in that city on the 1st of October, at the residence of the parents, and states that the baptismal water used was the same with which the child's mother was christened 30 years ago.

## COURT OF SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE HON. H. J. BALL.

LAI-KWOK-NAM v. HO ASIK.—\$200.00.—Judgment further reserved till Thursday.

LEE AFONG v. J. BAYNES.—\$91.50.—J. BAYNES v. LEE AFONG.—\$91.50.—Judgment and award for \$94.50, the former action and \$46.50 the latter, each party to pay his own \$5 awarded to arbitrator, half to be paid by each.

Mr. Wolton appeared for Lee Afong.

E. ESTARICO v. J. P. LATOR.—\$139.30.—Admitted. Judgment for plaintiff.

WONG ATTE v. F. DAVIS.—\$75.92.—Defendant admitted the debt, but said the plaintiff had given him his willingness to be paid in instalments.

Plaintiff, on the contrary, said the defendant had only just come out of gaol, and he had been humble at first to find him.

Defendant said he had been in gaol, but was released by the next mail to start him in business.

Plaintiff desired immediate payment.

Under these circumstances His Honor said he did not give any time. Judgment for the plaintiff.

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## LORD DERBY ON NATIONAL DEFENCE.

The Earl of Derby at the delivery of prizes to the members of the 1st Liverpool Pioneers Voluntary in St. George's Hall, Liverpool, after some observations of a local character, "put on to say":

"I do not affect military knowledge, nor it is my duty or my wish to enter here upon any controversial subject, but there are some observations which any man of plain and ordinary sense cannot help making if he is in a position which makes him compelled to do so in the interests of public order. It is not in this country like this, a country of popular government, we must exert and prepare for sudden fluctuations of public feeling, such as are trying to the administrative mind. It is not ten months since I last addressed you in this hall, and then it seemed really desirable to argue that we were not in danger of immediate invasion by half a million men, and that in God's name I might now call it the continental system for Austria, Russia, and France are all adopting—the system of universal and compulsory military service was not one which would suit the habits and wants of this country. Well, I don't think my public speaker would consider it necessary to dwell on those points now. The needless panic of last winter has gone by, and the people of different classes, for it is one of the difficulties of our age that popular feeling is apt to be in extremes, and that the public seems hardly able to take up with real earnestness and interest more than one subject at a time. Looking abroad, we are, I believe, at this moment a clear of foreign complications as we have ever been, or may expect to be. Still we are not to say that it is absolutely impossible though, for my part, I do believe it to be in the highest degree improbable—that we should be forced into a quarrel of self-defence. But it is openable, because it is not the interest, and so far as one can see, the wish of any nation to quarrel with us. I don't think it impossible, because, unhappily, the French大陆的战争 has been, and still is being, carried on, from the effects of the last, seems to be rather expected than otherwise. If it does come off, it will be on a gigantic scale, and when once a life-and-death struggle begins the parties engaged in it are not apt to trouble themselves about the interests or rights of others. If any such calamity as a war comes upon us, I believe we should not by any means be prepared, nor, I fear, would any of the members of our navy, whether or no, have in all cases got money's worth for their money; and I doubt if there is any man now about that is at all equal to it. So far as our land forces are concerned, I suspect it will be found that we have excellent material to dispose of, but in rather a raw state. I believe the autumn campaign of this year was a mere step, and I hope it will be confined pretty by far to smaller-scale as circumstances may require."

## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

China and Japan Marine Insurance— $\text{£}10,207$  per share premium.  
Chinese Insurance Company— $\text{£}175$  per share premium.  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares— $\text{£}375$  per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares— $\text{£}70$  per share premium.  
Victoria Fire Insurance Company's Shares— $\text{£}75$  per share premium.  
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares— $\text{£}100$  per share discount.  
London Union and Marine Steamboat Co.'s Shares— $\text{£}100$  per cent. premium.  
Shanghai Steam Navigation Company— $\text{£}10,195$  per share.

China Sea, Saigon, and Straits Steamship Company— $\text{£}5$  per cent. discount.  
China and Straits Steam Navigation Company— $\text{£}5$  per cent. discount.  
Hongkong Gas Company's Shares— $\text{£}64$  per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares— $\text{£}60$  per cent. discount.  
Hongkong Distillery Company— $\text{£}10$  per cent. premium.  
Indo-Chinese Sugar Company— $\text{£}18$  per share discount.  
Hongkong Pier and Godown Company— $\text{£}10$  per share discount.

Sales on December 19th, 1871.  
As reported by China.  
White Sugar, 100 bags, at  $\text{£}6.70$ , by Ying-kee to Hongkong merchant.  
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Yellow Beans, 200 piculs, at  $\text{£}2.42$ , by Hong-tai-chau to travelling merchant.  
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White Sugar, 2nd quality, 150 bags, at  $\text{£}4.40$ , by Tak-mui to travelling merchant.

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Mrs. MENEKES is our firm ceased on the 1st of December, 1870.  
W.M. PUSTAU & Co.  
Hongkong and China, December 18th, 1871. [Signed]

NOTICE.

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NOTICE.

M.R. WILLIAM HIBBERT, Moore and Mr. OTTO FAIRFAX have this day been admitted partners in our firm.  
J. LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co., 1238 Hongkong, 30th June, 1870.

NOTICE.

M.R. WILLIAM ABBOTT TURNER is authorized to sign our firm from this date.  
BIRLEY, WORTHINGTON & Co., 829 Shanghai, 1st May, 1871.

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M.R. THOMAS PICKERING DROWN is a partner in my business from the 29th of July by mutual agreement, and we shall carry on our business, as hitherto, under the same style.  
J. SMITH & Co., 1410 Chefoo, 6th August, 1871.

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